

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building September 23, 2002 with the following members present: Bob Newsome, Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chairman; Russ Frey, Member; and Cindy Kabriel sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment

Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; Mike Kearns; Yolande Adair; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

Frey moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2002 as amended. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Adair discussed a City ordinance for animal control that was handed out at a Homeowners Association meeting for Random Woods Subdivision.

9:00 Business Meeting

Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury; Johnette Mueller, Budget and Finance Officer; Mike Kearns; Yolande Adair; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Bruce McMillan, Bruce McMillan AIA, Architects, P.A.; Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator; Kathy Carpenter, Legal Assistant, County Attorney's Office; and Terry Holdren, Assistant County Attorney, attended.

Frey moved to approve Resolution No. 092302 -103 authorizing the issuance and delivery of \$38,210.00 principal amount of General Obligation Temporary Notes, Series 2002 -4, of Riley County, Kansas, for the purpose of renewing certain outstanding temporary notes issued to temporarily finance the

cost or a portion of the cost of certain internal improvements of the county (Konza Valley Sewer). Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Frey moved to forgo the bid bond and accept the bid withdrawal from Geisler Roofing, Inc. for the roof repairs to the Riley County Courthouse and Carnegie Building. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Frey moved to place on the business meeting agenda September 30, 2002, action on accepting the next lowest bid from Vincent Roofing for the roof repairs to the Riley County Courthouse and Carnegie Building in the amount of \$74,950.00 and action on an amendment to the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) fund. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Johnson moved to approve the Addendum to Agreement between Board of Commissioners of Riley County, Kansas and the Manhattan Housing Authority dated August 22, 2002 concerning the installation of community storm shelters in Riley County. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.

Frey moved to approve the Teen Court Coordinator, in the Riley County Attorney's Office at the level the grant was funded, at \$13.62 per hour effective October 1, 2002 and this position is to never become a Riley County permanent position. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

- Jeremy J. Crist, Legal Intern, in the Attorney's Office, for Separation from County Service, effective September 19, 2002.
- Jane E. Roth -Eckart, hire, as an Administrative Clerk, in the Treasurer's Office, at a grade 7 step 1, at \$11.60 per hour.

- Brenon L. Odle, a new hire, as a Legal Intern, in the Attorney's Office, at a grade 4 step 1, at \$8.77 per hour.

9:30 Press Conference

Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury; Mike Kearns; Yolande Adair; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Amy Duncan, Account Clerk; Julie Winter, Administrative Assistant; Larry Couchman and Michelle Rutherford, Emergency Medical Services; George Kennedy, Director of Diagnostic Lab, KSU; Kim Gee, Administrative Assistant; Sam Schmidt, Appraiser; Dennis Peterson, Director of Noxious Weed; Pam Woods, Deputy County Treasurer/Vehicle Supervisor; Erin Jechke, KMAN; and Pat Collins, Director of Emergency Management, attended.

Couchman said the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was awarded the Type I (Paramedic) Service of the Year Award.

Couchman read the following Type I (Paramedic) Service of the Year Award:

Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), department of Mercy Health Center, was awarded the Kansas Emergency Medical Service Association 2002 Type I Service of the Year. Type I indicates the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has advanced life support capabilities. Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) received the award for their tireless efforts in promoting Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Kansas.

Serving 73,000 area residents, Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) focuses on quality patient care. The service is known for their ability to creatively think outside the box and problemsolve. Serving rugged terrain and water areas, the service has developed a technical rescue unit capable of rope and water rescues. Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provides

emergency service coverage for Big 12 football, local sporting events, and the Country Stamped music festival, which attract over 100,000 people each year.

Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) focuses on public education and assistance through their internet site, child car seat safety checks, bike helmet program, elementary school programs, and numerous other community events.

Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) strives for quality continuing education and this is of high importance for the department. In addition to providing hours to meet the Kansas Board of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continuing education requirements, Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) spends considerable time ensuring protocol proficiency, trains in a cadaver lab twice yearly to ensure competency in areas such as chest decompression, cricothyrotomy, intraosseous placement and general anatomy review. Programs in Advance Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advance Life Support are also areas of study. Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is recognized as a regional training site for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) students of all certification levels.

It is our honor to present Riley County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) with the 2002 Kansas Emergency Medical Service Association Type I Service of the year award.

Couchman said he wanted to thank the forty Emergency Medical Services (EMS) employees for all their work.

Couchman said Emergency Medical Services (EMS) had a Paramedic Intern from Germany work for them.

P. Collins said the Emergency Management State Conference was held last week.

P. Collins said there were 134 registrations at the Emergency Management State Conference.

Frey introduced Dr. George Kennedy, Director of the Diagnostic Lab at the Kansas State University Veterinary Medicine. Frey said Dr. Kennedy serves as a County Commission representative on the Riley County Health Board.

Kennedy said the West Nile Virus is new to this area.

Kennedy said Kansas State University Diagnostic Lab is performing surveillance testing on mosquitoes, mosquito pools (water pools), birds, and horses.

Kennedy said there is criteria for testing birds, because the Kansas State University Diagnostic Lab cannot test every bird.

Kennedy said signs of West Nile Virus in horses are identical to signs of rabies in horses.

Kennedy said the Kansas campaign encouraged individualsto get their horses vaccinated for the West Nile Virus.

Johnson said the Board of County Commissioners would like to recognize and congratulate the following Riley County employees, Amy Duncan, Kim Gee, Dennis Peterson, Sam Schmidt, Julie Winter, and Pamela Woods, who have earned certification from Kansas Association of Counties' (KAC) *Effective Supervisory Skills Program* for completing the required thirty five hours of instruction designed to improve their effectiveness as a supervisor.

Frey said he appreciates Riley County employees participating in the Kansas Association of Counties' (KAC) program.

Frey congratulated the six Riley County employees for earning their certification from Kansas Association of Counties' (KAC) *Effective Supervisory Skills Program*.

10:10 Rich Vargo attended.

10:10 Review of the proposed draft of the Kansas Association of Counties' (KAC) 2003 Legislative Platform

Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; Alyson Raletz, Manhattan Mercury; Dennis Peterson, Director of Noxious Weed; Eileen King, County Treasurer; Pat Collins, Director of Emergency Management; Bill Kennedy County Attorney; Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; Charlotte Shawver, Register of Deeds; and Sam Schmidt, Appraiser, attended.

Frey asked for input from department heads and elected officials on the Kansas Association of Counties' (KAC) 2003 Legislative Platform.

Shawver stated the need for requiring additional certification by a county surveyor is not necessary in Riley County (page 4) Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Platform.

Shawver stated the last sentence under Mortgage Registration Tax (page 10) is not needed. Shawver stated the real issue is federal tax liens where they are not paid up front.

P. Collins presented a list of Emergency Management Association legislative issues.

Peterson said he does not expect much legislation this year regarding noxious weeds and supports Kansas Association of Counties' (KAC) statement.

Schmidt discussed the continued eroding of the tax base and inequitable tax exemptions.

Vargo discussed the Streamlining of Statutes Relating to Property Values and Budget Process.

Vargo recommends Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) allow the various associations affected review the statutes and make recommendation to Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) on what are archaic and obsolete statutes.

Frey stated an additional statement needs to be added to "Funding State Mandates" (page 8) addressing Extension's funding of agents' retirements by the College of Agriculture not funding them appropriately.

Newsome said the change the Department of Agriculture has made in funding Extension Agents' retirements has increased Extension's appropriation request from counties.

Frey discussed the "Full Funding of State Revenue Sharing (Demand Transfer Programs) and how it could be affected during the next legislative session. Frey said reductions in demand transfers could dramatically effect local units of government.

Kennedy discussed Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) involvement related to criminal law.

Kennedy discussed changes needing to be made in the criminal law process.

11:00 Public Hearing

Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters; and Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant, attended.

Newsome opened the hearing.

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Frey moved to approve Resolution No. 092302 -104 declaring a portion of Homestead Road in Riley County, Kansas, as a minimum maintenance road. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

11:15 Public Hearing

Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; and Julie Merklin, League of Women Voters, attended.

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Johnson moved to approve Resolution No. 092302 -105 declaring a portion of Tanmangile Road in Riley County, Kansas, as a minimum maintenance road. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

11:30 Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator

Dean discussed the annual flu shots for Riley County employees.

Frey moved that the County provide flu shots to County employees, as well as employees of the Extension Office, District Court, Court Services, Court Trustee, ATA Bus, and CASA. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

12:00 Intergovernmental Luncheon.

1:00 Frey moved to adjourn. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.